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1. IN TWO SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH FRG FONOFF MBFR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RUTH THIS WEEK HE STRESSED IT WAS NOT THE GERMAN INTENTION SPECIFICALLY TO INCLUDE SUB-CEILINGS ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER IN THEIR FORMULATION TABLED IN BRUSSELS. RATHER, RUTH CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE WAY THE LANGUAGE WAS DRAFTED. THE GERMANS ARE NOT ADVOCATES OF THE POSITION THAT THERE BE A SUBCEILING ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER.

2. RUTH REITERATED THE POINT THAT THE GERMANS HAVE AN OPEN MIND ON THE QUESTION OF INCLUDING AIR MANPOWER PROVIDED THEIR TWO PRINCIPAL CONCERNS ARE CONSIDERED, I.E., KEEP THE FOCUS ON GROUND FORCE REDUCTIONS AND DO
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NOT IMPLY THAT REDUCTIONS IN AIR FORCES WOULD

NECESSARILY FOLLOW FROM A NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT. RUTH SAID THE FRG IS NOT WEDDED TO ANY OR ALL OF THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED IN BRUSSELS (PARA 15, REF B). THE FRG IS WILLING TO CONSIDER NEW LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD TAKE THE PRINCIPAL CONCERNS DESCRIBED ABOVE INTO CONSIDERATION. THE FRG COULD NOT ACCEPT THE UK DRAFT FIRST SENTENCE (PARA 1, REF B) BECAUSE OF THE LINK BETWEEN GROUND AND AIR MANPOWER. THE FORMULATION ADVANCED BY THE FRG REP IN BRUSSELS WAS AN ATTEMPT TO MEET U.S. CONCERNS IN RESOLVING THIS DIFFICULT DRAFTING PROBLEM. HILLENBRAND

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